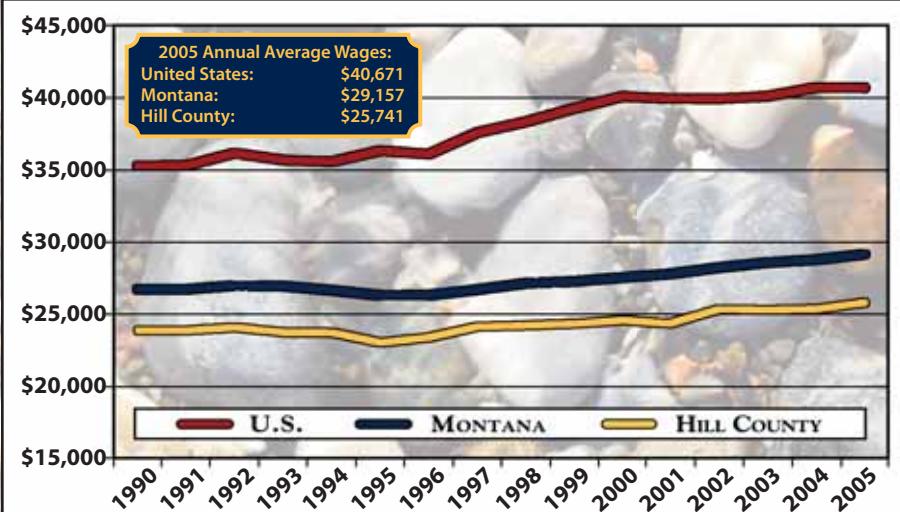


Annual Average Labor Force - Hill County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2005	8,021	7,676	345	4.3%
2004	8,076	7,726	350	4.3%
2003	7,915	7,583	332	4.2%
2002	7,884	7,551	333	4.2%
2001	7,792	7,449	343	4.4%
2000	8,008	7,617	391	4.9%

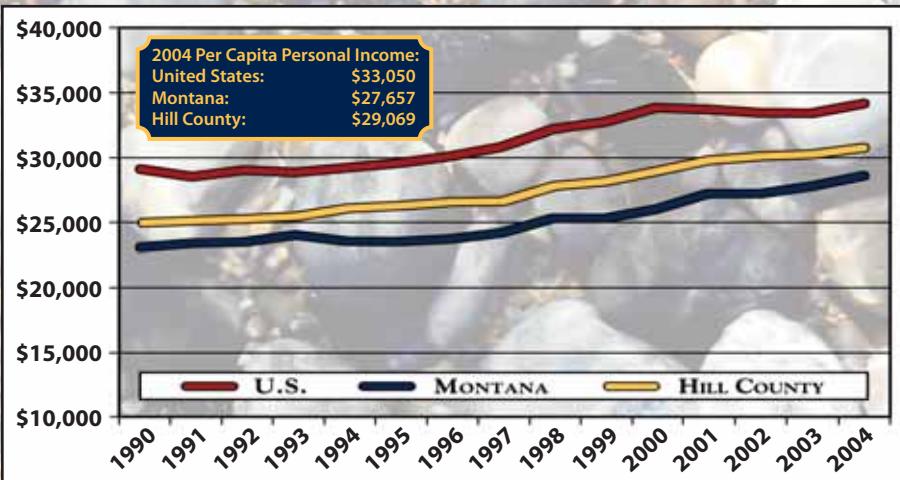
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2005 (In 2005 Dollars)



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2004 (In 2005 Dollars)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System



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Demographic & Economic Information for Hill County



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HILL COUNTY

Hill County is Montana's eleventh most populous county, with an estimated 16,304 residents in 2005. Havre, the county seat, is the state's eighth largest city, with a population estimated at 9,390 in 2005.¹ Other cities and towns in Hill County include Fort Assiniboine, Hingham, and Simpson. Much of Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation lies within Hill County.

Hill County has historically depended upon agriculture, and while farming and ranching remain vital to the area's economy, the county has become more financially diverse, with hospital and health services, education, professional and retail business, manufacturing and railroads making significant contributions. Havre is the most populous city on Montana's Hi-Line, and serves as a wholesale and retail hub for communities within 150 miles.²

Educational Services is the number one industry subsector in Hill County, employing 1,008 people in 2005. Other significant subsectors include Retail Trade (with 936 employees), Health Care & Social Assistance (826), and Public Administration (726). Hill County also has the highest railroad employment in the state, with 518 employees in 2004. The fastest growing subsectors of Hill County's economy in 2005 included Utilities (up 82.4% from 2004), Administrative and Waste Services, (up 15.8%), and Mining (up 11.8%).³

¹U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

²Havre History," www.havremt.com

³Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Research and Analysis Bureau,
Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program

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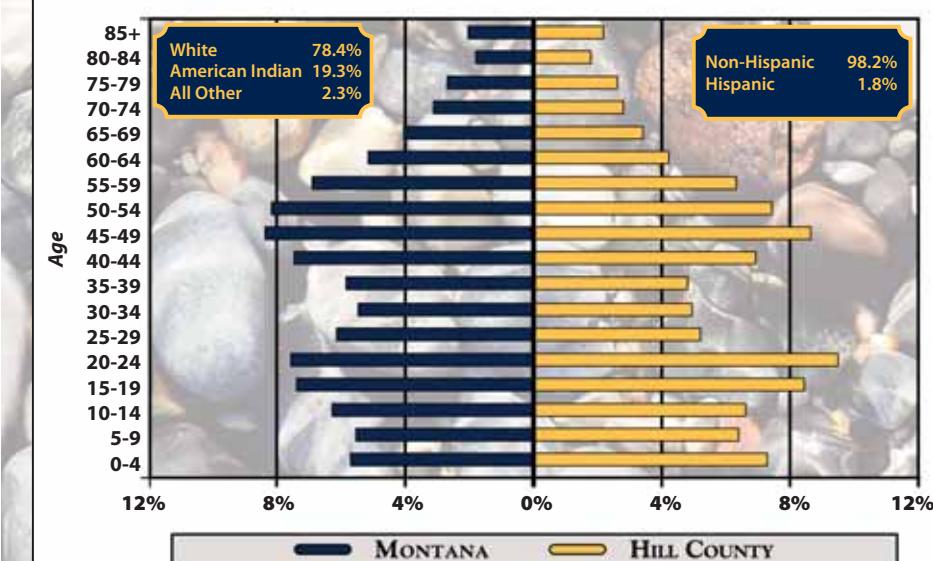
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Population for Hill County & Related Areas

Geography	Total Population					
	Census	Estimates				
2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
Montana	902,195	906,098	910,395	917,885	926,920	935,670
Hill County	16,673	16,532	16,360	16,281	16,343	16,304
Havre	9,621	9,538	9,441	9,400	9,441	9,390
Hingham	157	155	154	153	153	152
Balance of Hill County	6,895	6,839	6,765	6,728	6,749	6,762

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Hill County, 2005



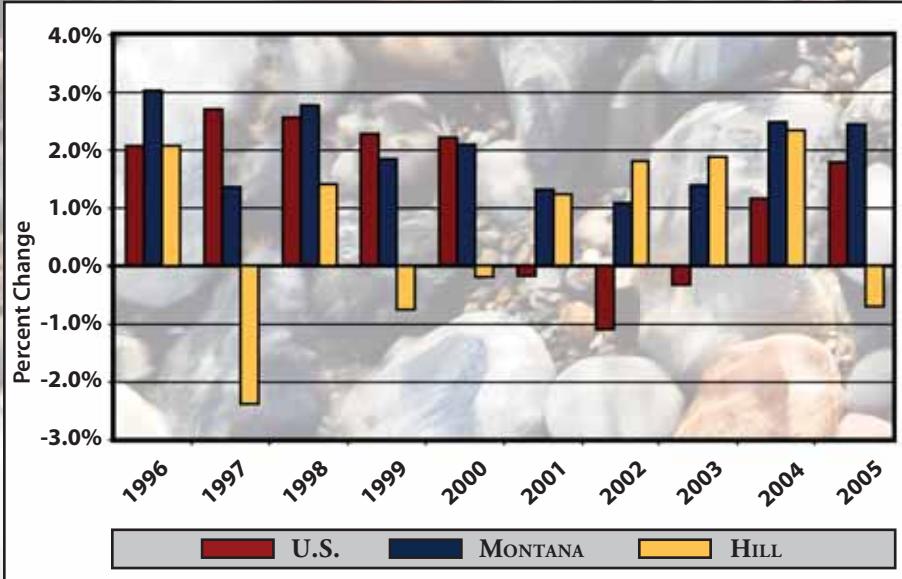
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005 Population Estimates

Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

Educational Attainment	Hill County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	13.2%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	32.1%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	25.3%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	9.4%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	13.9%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	4.2%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	1.1%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	0.8%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Percent Change in Employment: 1996 to 2005 U.S., Montana, and Hill County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Top 20 Private Employers in Hill County (Based on 2nd Quarter 2006 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
4 B'S Restaurant	4	Havre Day Activity Center	5
Albertsons	5	Herberger's	5
Bear Paw Credit Union	4	Hill County Electric Cooperative	6
Boys & Girls Club of the Hi-Line	4	Independence Bank	5
Cenex Supply	4	Kmart	5
Devon Energy	4	McDonalds	4
District 4 HRDC	4	Northern Montana Hospital	8
Duck Inn Tavern & Supper Club	5	Novo 1 (formerly Call Solutions)	5
Gary and Leo's IGA	6	T P Construction	4
Golden Triangle Equipment	5	Torgerson's Havre	4

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW). This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Agricultural Statistics - Hill County

Farms	
Farms: (number)	836
Land in farms (acres)	1,808,835
Average size of farms (acres)	2,164
Farms by size: (number)	
Less than 1,000 acres	389
1,000 acres or more	447
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	
Less than \$100,000	694
\$100,000 or more	142
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	633
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	203

Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested

Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	22,210
Hogs and pigs	(D)
Sheep and lambs	851
Horses and ponies	1,361
Bison	(D)
Chickens (layers and broilers)	(D)
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	0
Corn for silage or greenchop	0
Wheat for grain, All	444,014
Winter wheat for grain	14,049
Durum wheat for grain	3,242
Spring wheat for grain	426,723
Barley for grain	17,983
Oats for grain	1,994
Sunflower seed, All	0
Soybeans for beans	0
Hay, haylage, grass silage	32,156

Operator Demographics

Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	559
Other	277
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	582
Not on farm operated	254
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	192
10 years or more	644
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	507
55 years and over	329
Average age of operators: (number)	53.1

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002
(D) - Not Disclosable

Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2005 - Hill County

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	563	6,381	\$25,741
TOTAL PRIVATE	507	4,411	\$23,063
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	8	26	\$20,933
Crop production	4	4	\$15,743
Animal production	1	*	*
Agriculture & forestry support	3	*	*
MINING	10	85	\$51,505
Oil and gas extraction	2	*	*
Mining, except oil and gas	1	*	*
Support activities for mining	7	25	\$27,479
UTILITIES	7	31	\$52,897
CONSTRUCTION	51	245	\$26,673
Construction of buildings	16	43	\$22,987
Heavy and civil engineering construction	6	42	\$25,121
Specialty trade contractors	29	159	\$28,082
MANUFACTURING	14	52	\$24,284
Food manufacturing	2	*	*
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	1	*	*
Apparel manufacturing	1	*	*
Printing and related support activities	2	*	*
Chemical manufacturing	1	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	1	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	4	13	\$28,369
Miscellaneous manufacturing	2	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	22	153	\$27,566
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	7	*	*
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	14	78	\$25,031
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	1	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	88	936	\$19,779
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	15	163	\$28,684
Furniture and home furnishings stores	5	33	\$24,175
Electronics and appliance stores	4	24	\$13,679
Building material & garden supply stores	10	56	\$21,548
Food and beverage stores	7	191	\$19,407
Health and personal care stores	4	*	*
Gasoline stations	12	126	\$18,136
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	8	28	\$13,249
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	6	51	\$15,593
General merchandise stores	6	214	\$16,277
Miscellaneous store retailers	9	31	\$15,083
Nonstore retailers	2	*	*

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

* Data Not Disclosable

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	18	62	\$26,931
Air transportation	1	*	*
Truck transportation	10	33	\$24,289
Transit and ground passenger transport	2	*	*
Support activities for transportation	1	*	*
Couriers and messengers	4	23	\$35,525
INFORMATION	8	214	\$37,683
Publishing industries, except Internet	1	*	*
Motion picture, sound recording industry	1	*	*
Broadcasting, except Internet	2	*	*
Telecommunications	4	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	35	241	\$32,837
Credit intermediation & related activity	11	175	\$32,370
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	8	19	\$57,660
Insurance carriers & related activities	17	47	\$24,467
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	16	48	\$20,674
Real estate	11	35	\$17,005
Rental and leasing services	5	13	\$30,412
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	35	181	\$35,261
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	21	153	\$16,648
Administrative and support services	19	*	*
Waste management and remediation service	2	*	*
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	4	54	\$16,078
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	34	820	\$29,579
Ambulatory health care services	20	*	*
Hospitals	1	*	*
Social assistance	13	124	\$17,790
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	19	138	\$10,705
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	50	669	\$9,153
Accommodation	6	96	\$10,873
Food services and drinking places	44	572	\$8,864
OTHER SERVICES	70	305	\$14,386
Repair and maintenance	25	63	\$19,092
Personal and laundry services	10	61	\$14,323
Membership associations & organizations	25	166	\$12,559
Private households	10	15	\$15,137
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	56	1,971	\$31,737
Local Government	24	1,424	\$29,634
State Government	14	404	\$28,966
Federal Government	18	143	\$60,590

The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance.
(Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)